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SUBJECT: UNITAS XV

1. THE UNITAS XV VISIT TO URUGUAY FROM SEPTEMBER 17 TO SEPTEMBER 25 WAS AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS. PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL REACTION WAS WARM AND ENTHUSIASTIC AND THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS. RADM EMERSON AND THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE UNITAS TASK FORCE COMPORTED THEMSELVES IN A FASHION WHICH REFLECTED CREDIT ON THEMSELVES, THE U.S. NAVY AND THE UNITED STATES.

2. THE REACTION OF THE URUGUAYAN NAVY WAS AS POSITIVE AS OURS. THEIR MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED COMMANDERS, RADM HUGO MARQUEZ, COMMANDER OF SEA FORCES, AND DESTROYER DIVISION COMMANDER CAPT. JORGE FERNANDEZ STATED THAT THEY CONSIDER THE JOINT EXERCISE WITH U.S. FLEET UNITS ESSENTIAL IN MAINTAINING TACTICAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS. TO THEM, THE ABILITY TO WORK WITH MODERN SURFACE AND AIR UNITS OF USN DESPITE THE ANTIQUITY OF THEIR EQUIPMENT IS AT ONCE A CHALLENGE AND A SOURCE OF PRIDE.

3. ASIDE FROM THE PURELY PROFESSIONAL ASPECTS OF THE EXERCISE, THE VISIT HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PROGRAM. THE UNITAS BAND, FOR EXAMPLE, PLAYED TO FULL HOUSES AND

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ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCES BOTH IN MONTEVIDEO AND IN THE INTERIOR

AND OTHER ELEMENTS MADE MOST HELPFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPORTS AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. IN ADDITION, THE VISIT WAS USEFUL IN A HOST OF WAYS IN HELPING MAINTAIN CONTINUED WARM RELATIONS BETWEEN THE HOST GOVERNMENT, THE URUGUAYAN PUBLIC, AND ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. MISSION, BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY.

4. THE ANNUAL UNITAS EXERCISE AND THE VISITS HAVE TIME AND AGAIN PROVEN TO BE BENEFICIAL IN FURTHERING OUR OBJECTIVES IN URUGUAY. THE EMBASSY HOPES THAT THEY WILL BE CONTINUED.
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